



# Affidavit/Application for Title With Insufficient Evidence of Ownership or Bonded Certificate of Title

*See page 2 for instructions and fees*

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<b>1</b> Applicant's Legal Name (first, middle, last) or Firm Name				Driver License Number	
Co-Applicant's Legal Name (first, middle, last)				Driver License Number	
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	County
Residential Address		City	State	Zip Code	County
<b>2</b> Identification Number			Year	Make	
Model	Body Style	Color	Weight (if applicable)	Ton (if applicable)	CC's (if applicable)
Vessel MT Number	Vessel Length FT. IN.	Vessel Use	Vessel Propulsion	Vessel Material	Vessel Type
<b>3</b> Describe the facts and circumstances through which you acquired ownership and possession of the vehicle and attempts you made to contact the OWNER OF RECORD (attach additional sheets if needed):					
Vehicle purchased/acquired from			Date purchased/acquired	Price	
Address			City	State	Zip
The vehicle described above is free and clear of any security interests, liens or encumbrances except: Dated _____ Amount _____ Perfected Date _____ In favor of _____ Provide full and complete name of secured party, lienholder or encumbrancer Provide full and complete address of secured party, lienholder or encumbrancer					
<b>***** One of the Following Sections (A, B or C ) and Section D Must be Completed *****</b>					
<b>A</b> This vehicle is a camper, off-highway vehicle, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat or snowmobile <input type="checkbox"/> . A surety bond is not required.					
<b>B</b> Manufactured homes must be valued by the <i>county assessor</i> . If the value of the manufactured home is over \$500, a surety bond is required. I certify under penalty of law ( <b>Section 45-7-203, Montana Code Annotated, Unsworn Falsification to Authorities</b> ) that the value listed below is correct. Assessed Date _____ Assessed By _____ Value _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <span>Written name</span> <span>Printed name</span> </div>					
<b>C</b> For all other vehicles, the applicant determines the value and completes this section. If the vehicle's value is over \$500, a surety bond is required. I certify under penalty of law ( <b>Section 45-7-203, MCA, Unsworn Falsification to Authorities</b> ) that (check the appropriate box): <input type="checkbox"/> The value of the vehicle is over \$500, based on information from an applicable national appraisal guide for the vehicle as of January 1 for the year in which application is made, or on my knowledge and belief if a national appraisal guide is not available for the vehicle. <input type="checkbox"/> The value of the vehicle is \$500 or less. Note: The Motor Vehicle Division reserves the right to investigate the value of a vehicle.					
<b>D</b> I certify that the information contained on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and I am the lawful owner of the vehicle for which certificate of title is sought. Applicant signature _____ Date _____					
DO NOT NOTARIZE OR VERIFY UNLESS SIGNED IN YOUR PRESENCE AND PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT IS LISTED.  State of _____  County of _____  <div style="text-align: center;">(seal)</div>		Subscribed and affirmed to before me on (date) _____ By (print name of person appearing before you) _____ Notary Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Title or Rank _____ For the State of _____ County of _____ Residing at _____ My Commission Expires _____			

**Instructions for Completing this Affidavit/Application for Title With Insufficient Evidence of Ownership (complete title documentation is unavailable) or Bonded Certificate of Title**  
**Section 61-3-208 of the Montana Code Annotated**

For purposes of this document, a "vehicle" includes a motor vehicle, trailer, semi trailer, pole trailer, motorboat, sailboat, personal watercraft, camper, snowmobile, OHV and manufactured home.

**Surety Bond:** A one-time, non-refundable instrument that allows the issuance of a new title. The value of a vehicle determines whether or not a surety bond is required.

**Note:** If dealers sell a vehicle for which they don't have and can't obtain a title, they are required to complete this form and receive a bonded/insufficient-evidence title in their name before they can transfer the vehicle to a customer.

1. Complete the reverse side - Parts 1, 2 and 3. Section A, B or C must also be completed:
  - **Camper, off-highway vehicle, motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat or snowmobile:** The applicant completes **Section A**. The value is not required nor is a surety bond required.
  - **Manufactured Home:** The county assessor assesses the value and completes **Section B**. If the value is over \$500, a surety bond is required.
  - **All other vehicles:** The applicant determines the value and completes **Section C**. If the value is determined to be over \$500, a surety bond is required. The value is based on information from an applicable national appraisal guide for the vehicle as of January 1 for the year in which application is made or on the applicant's knowledge and belief if a national appraisal guide is not available for the vehicle.
2. Have a law enforcement officer complete a vehicle inspection - Form MV20.
3. Attach proof of ownership (if available) - cancelled check, bill of sale, invoice, etc.
4. The surety bond may be obtained through any insurance company authorized to do business in Montana. The surety bond must:
  - Be in an amount equal to the value of the vehicle for which the application is being made, as determined by the national appraisal guide or the applicant.
  - Be conditioned to indemnify a prior owner, lienholder, subsequent purchaser, secured creditor or encumbrancer of the vehicle and any respective successors in interest against expenses, losses or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, caused by the issuance of the certificate of title or by a defect in or undisclosed security interest upon the right, title and interest of the applicant in the vehicle.
  - Include the following clause: "Unless the department has been notified of a pending action to recover the bond furnished under this section, the department shall return the bond at the earlier of three years from the date of issuance of the certificate of title or the date of surrender of the valid certificate of title to the department if the vehicle is no longer required to have a certificate of title in this state."
5. Have a notary complete and sign Section D.
6. If you wish to **title and register** the vehicle, take the following documents to your county treasurer's office to apply for a title and obtain license plates, a registration sticker, or a Montana vessel number. If you only wish to **title** the vehicle, send the following documents directly to the Title and Registration Bureau.
  - This form (MV10)
  - Vehicle inspection form (MV20)
  - Any proof of ownership in your possession
  - Surety bond (if applicable)
  - Applicable fee: \$12 for light vehicles, trucks and buses - all weighing one ton or less; \$10 for all other vehicles. Additional taxes and fees may be due upon registration.